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- 1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$1,590.00 to cover four (4) month extension of time fee;
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